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Current Population Survey, 1995: Fertility and Marital History [machine-readable data file] conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. --Washington: The Bureau [producer and distributor], 1997

Type of File

Microdata; unit of observation is individuals within housing units.

Universe Description

The universe consists of all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States living in households. The probability sample selected to represent the universe consists of approximately 57,000 households.

Subject-Matter Description

Data are provided on labor force activity for the week prior to the survey. Comprehensive data are available on the employment status, occupation, and industry of persons 15 years old and over. Also shown are personal characteristics such as age, sex, race, marital status, veteran status, household relationship, educational background, and Hispanic origin.

In addition, data pertaining to fertility and marital history are included in the file. Date of first marriage is asked of all ever married female household members 15-44 years old. Questions determining the number of live born children and date of birth of youngest and oldest children are asked of women 15-44 years old.

Geographic Coverage

State of residence is uniquely identified as well as census geographic division and region.

Technical Description

File Structure: Rectangular.

File Size: 154,299 logical records; 1,084 character logical record length.

File Sort Sequence: State by household identification number by line number.

Reference Materials

Current Population Survey, June 1995: Fertility and Marital History Technical Documentation. This documentation contains this abstract, including ordering information; overview; definitions; a questionnaire facsimile; code lists; and record layouts of the file. One copy accompanies each file order. Additional copies are available from Administrative and Customer Services Division, Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233. Phone: (301) 457-4100.

Bureau of the Census. *The Current Population Survey: Design and Methodology* (Technical Paper 40) (Out of print). Describes in detail the sample design and survey procedures used as well as accuracy of estimates and sampling errors. Reference copies should be available from most public libraries or Federal Depository Libraries.

The file may be ordered from Administrative and Customer Services Division using the attached Customer Services order form. It is available on a single 9-track tape reel (ASCII or EBCDIC, labeled or unlabeled, 6250 bpi). The file also can be made available on IBM 3480 compatible tape cartridge or

CD-R (compact disc-recordable) in ASCII format.